

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The matter of automobiles for our pastors, here in Canada, is more and more becoming a real problem. Now that they are more easily secured, our pastors are trying to buy new cars. However, the cost is almost prohibitive. Each pastor averages at least \$35.00 a month for car maintenance expense. Besides this, when purchasing a new car, it costs him fifty dollars a month for payments on his new car. By the time he gets through paying for one it means buying another. I am therefore pleading with the congregations to try to add a car expense item to the pastor's income. Where it is at all possible, it would be fine for the parishes to try to help pay for the pastor's car. Some parishes have done this and it has proven a great blessing. Whatever can be done by the parishes in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

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We are anxious to have as many delegates as possible at our Biennial Convention in Minneapolis, June 21-28. It is a between-session time for the farmers so it should not be difficult to get away. As you know, every parish is asked to contribute \$15.00 toward a delegate expense fund. This money is to be sent into Dr. Shurson each year. If this has been paid, it entitles each delegate to two cents per mile, round trip, to Minneapolis. It would be fine if one of the delegates could drive his car, take the other delegate and the W.M.F. and L.D.R. delegate with him. It would mean that there would be no cost for transportation for anyone and more would get to the convention. If the pastor so desired, he could go with the delegate, as could his wife. This would be a fine arrangement and would increase the delegation from Canada at the convention.

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We sincerely hope that our parishes will make arrangements to have at least two weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School this summer. We need to help our children grow ever closer to Christ.

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It is our hope that each parish will

A LETTER FROM JAPAN

Tokyo Foreign Missionaries,
APO 500 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California.

Dear Friends:

"The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

We have surely felt God's hand of love upon us each day as we journeyed to Japan those weeks of getting settled in our new home and place of service.

Our sea voyage was pleasant and calm except for two or three days. The captain and other ship officers kept marvelling at the calmness of the sea and our rough days made us appreciate that we had missed most of the rough weather. It was awe-inspiring to see the waves like mountains and valley and to watch them wash even the uppermost deck as they dashed against the ship. We rolled about like a little tinder box on the mighty waves; even heavy furniture was dashed around and experienced set-hands had difficulty in keeping their balance. When I held three-year-old Gordon Hansen up to the porthole to see the grandness of the waves, he looked for awhile and then said, "God can make them little." Evidently God needed to make them calm again and the last day before we got into Yokahama the sea was like glass again. We were told they were running into trouble in the engine room because water was coming down all the vents. However, we did not realize damage had been so serious until we learned that the "China Mail" had to be in Yakahama more than ten days for engine repairs.

The storm delayed us, so instead of getting into Yokahama at midday we arrived during the night and anchored in the bay until we could dock in

participate in the Church Extension Fund offering on May 7th. Also it is hoped that all congregations will use May, and until convention time in June, to clean up the United Christian Education Appeal.

—Mars A. Dale.

the morning. This probably made a deeper impression than I would otherwise have received. Through the long night only an occasional flicker of the light-houses pierced the darkness. Figuratively how true this is of Japan! So little light among so many, for only half of one per cent of her millions is Christian. As I thought of the great task and the great responsibility entrusted by God to us the strains of a hymn came to me over and over:

"Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From His light-house evermore;
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.
Trim your feeble lamps my brother,
Some poor seaman tempest tossed
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost."

Pray for us that we may be able to effectively point this people to Christ for in Him is Life and Life is the Light of the world.

We had a royal welcome to Japan. Pastor Olaf Hansen and Misses Beatrice Molberg and Sylvia Haugen came down in the U.L.C. station wagon and Mrs. Osborne Hauge in her car. In short time all of us and our hand baggage was piled into the two cars and we drove the 18 miles to Tokyo. It was thrilling to stop before our new home and then have a guided tour through it. It is spacious and can be adapted very nicely to our needs. We thank God for preparing such a nice place for us, and we thank Pastor Hansen, Mrs. Hauge, Beatrice and Sylvia who have done so much to help make it "home" — all prepared for us to walk into.

Our classes in language began February 22. This is the vital medium through which we can reach the Japanese for Christ. Be constant in prayer for us that God will add His blessing to our efforts that we may gain an adequate knowledge of this difficult language.

We are co-workers together and as we wait upon Him He will extend His Kingship and Kingdom both in us and through us.

Yours in Christ,

Lydia Hanson.

—Church Helper, Trinity Lutheran
Calgary.

LUTHERAN INTER-FACULTY CONFERENCE APRIL 10-11, 1950

S.L.B.I. was host this year to the fourth Lutheran Inter-faculty conference. Schools represented were C.L.B.I., Lutheran College and Seminary, Saskatoon; and Luther Seminary. Professor Tiefenbach of Regina College intended to be presena, but unforeseen circumstances prevented his coming.

The theme of this year's conference was "Dynamic Campus Christianity." Topics on this theme were presented by Prof. William Nehrenz, Dr. O. K. Storaasli, and Dr. J. R. Lavik. Discussions on the topics were led by Mr. G. Loken, Prof. G. T. Monson, and Pastor A. M. Vinge.

Each session opened with prayer and Bible study, conducted by Mr. L. S. Olson, Pastor Pearson, and Missionary P. B. Stolee.

The sessions presided over by the conference chairman, Pastor G. O. Evenson, were inspiring and challenging, as well as heart searching. It was clearly brought home to each one of us that we cannot lead students closer to Christ than we ourselves are; that we alone cannot bring anyone to Christ, and that only God can bring young people to assurance through the Word.

It was emphasized that the primary purpose of our schools is to help students grow in faith. God's Spirit must be allowed to work through the means of grace for healthy development.

In developing the topic on "Obedient Christian Workers," Dr. Lavik said the Seminary sees that God has done much through our Church schools. He stressed our tremendous responsibility — that of letting God work through us, as we are called by Him to prepare workers, and to help students to sense the call of God and accept it as their own decision.

Because the world is disobedient and rebellious toward God, that Spirit also seeps into our Church, schools and homes. Basic obedience, that is, respect for authority, is learned in childhood. Unless parents get back to the old idea of bringing up children in the fear of the Lord, it will become increasingly difficult to maintain Christian school spirit, or to train obedient Christian workers.

The necessity for vital courses in Christianity was stressed, with good approach and personal teaching to prompt hearer to action.

A committee elected last year to investigate the evolutionary teaching in high schools was asked to continue its work for another year.

Luther Seminary invited the 1951 Conference.

As the sessions drew to a close, Pastor Evenson expressed the hope that there would be more dynamic Christianity on our campuses, and that through us, teachers will flow blessings to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

Those present at the Conference were: Dr. Lavik, Dr. Storaasli, Pastors Vinge, Haugen, Johnson, Pearson, Monson, Evenson, L. S. Olson, E. F. Marken, Missionary and Mrs. Stolee, G. Loken, E. Anderson, E. Peterson; Misses Hagen, Hanson, Stolee, Salte, and Mrs. G. Hoyme.

—Inanda Hoyme, Secretary.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHOIR PRESENTING SACRED CONCERTS



The choir of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook, Saskatchewan is now on tour presenting concerts in parts of Saskatchewan and receiving favorable receptions. They travelled as far east as Preece-

ville and north to Parkside. Proceeds above travel expenses go to the school building fund.

The Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute offers a complete Bible course as well as a wide variety of

subjects in high school grades ten, eleven and twelve. Total enrolment this school year is 131.

The choir is under the direction of Pastor G. O. Evenson, president of the school.

Outward attacks and troubles rather fix than unsettle the Chistian, as tempest from without only serve to root the oak more firmly in the ground.—Hanah More.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION

It is time now to make definite plans in regard to the General Convention. Requests have been made that the congregations pay its portion to make a lay delegate representation a good one. The fine representation of lay delegates at our conventions the later years has been due, largely to the fact that there has been a pooling of expenses. For health church life this representation is an essential.

There are many vital matters that will come before the convention this year. We mention a few. The matter of Lutheran Unity expressed in the steps being taken for eventual organic union with the A.L.C. and the U.E.L.C. is one of the important items. Although this is still in its initial stages, yet it concerns very vital issues. It is a question that calls for prayer by all. Then there is also the proposal for a Unified Budget; the issue of providing a more adequate pension for our retired workers, and for those who shall retire in the future. Full information on the various methods whereby this can be achieved has been presented to the congregations by our Pension Department. Of interest also to our District is the prospect of British Columbia becoming a part of Canada District of the E.L.C. As reported in the last issue of The Shepherd, this is a live issue in the churches in the west. Canada District should be well represented.

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It is heartening to learn of the fine way in which many of the congregations have already undertaken to the apportionment or more of Lutheran World Action. Many have already gone over the top. Director Paul Empie in looking at the over-all picture puts it this way: "I'm happy to report to you that I have noted a resurgence of interest in the L.W.A. in recent weeks. It may be caused partly by the way in which the appeal slipped slightly last year, which has resulted in its foremost advocates becoming more vocal in their concern. But I believe that our talk about a "long range" strategy of L.W.A., looking to its indefinite continuance, has produced thoughtful re-examination of its importance, with wholesome results. We're counting on you to further this trend." Let us heed this appeal. We made it last year — let us do it again.

District News

Central Lutheran Church in Edmonton, Pastor T. W. Maakestad, pastor, started two services each Sunday at Easter time. The Sunday School was also divided. It is reported that at the first service the lower part of the church is filled and at the second, the church is filled to capacity. For some time Pastor Maakestad has been speaking on Sunday evening on: "The Fundamentals of the Christian Faith." The response to these messages also has been encouraging.

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Dr. O. K. Storaasli addressed about

150 men of the Kiwanis Club in the Bessborough Hotel. They listened with interest as he spoke to them on the theme: "The Victorious Christ and our Contemporary Civilization."

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Pastor Maakestad of Edmonton recently interviewed a newcomer from Norway. The interview was held in the studios of CBX and was recorded. It will be short waved to Norway from Montreal.

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Pastor G. E. Morstad has resigned from Trinity Lutheran of Calgary, having accepted the call tendered him by Central Lutheran of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

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Mrs. Kirkwold of Trinity Lutheran of Calgary has presented the congregation a Wurlitzer electric organ. This came as a surprise gift at Easter time.

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Trinity Lutheran of Calgary has surpassed its quota for U.C.E.A. and has reached 110 per cent of its L.W.A. allocation.

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Pastor Morstad has started an adult confirmation class in Trinity. This class is to be ready for church membership May 28th.

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The Luther Seminary Graduation

The Seminary graduation will take place on May 19th. The ordination service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on the 21st. Martin Knutson, Arnold Hagen, and Palmer Olson will be ordained on that day. Norman Salte will study.

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Showers of Blessings

Great blessings have come to Camrose Lutheran congregation, Camrose Lutheran College, Bethany Sunset Home, and the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute through the meetings, which lasted almost a month, held in Camrose Lutheran Church.

The working of God's Spirit was evident in a quiet, thorough going ministry which touched the lives of many. This continued also in the meetings held in Edmonton. There, too, the same was evident. One of the pastors put it in this way: "There has been a thorough undressing of every false hope and an urgent call to those who have gone on and on without any sure hope. The result has been that many of our most faithful professed Christians have gone down to the bottom, and come up again with new assurance in their souls."

The instrument God used to bring the Word was Evangelist Nels Peterson of Minneapolis. God used him also to bring blessings in the Ryley call last fall. God's children have been challenged and strengthened, and the unsaved brought to their plight. Truly this has been a season of refreshing.

NOTICE

CHANGE OF DATE

The Swift Current Convention will be held Monday, May 29th instead of May 26th at Cabri, Sask.

—Mrs. Muri.

NOTICE

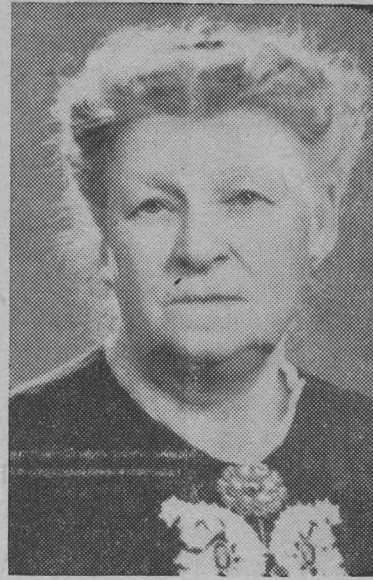
The Camrose Circuit W.M.F. convention will be held in New Norway, Alberta, May 18, beginning at 10.00 theme will be "Build With God." It is a.m., and again at 2.00 p.m. The New Norway's 50th Anniversary. Miss Olga Guttormson will be the guest speaker. The L.D.R. will also meet and musical items will be given from the various locals. Come and be blessed.

—Mrs. M. Johnson.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

One half section of land four miles northeast of Viking for sale. Communicate if interested with Mr. Severt Hafso, Viking, Alberta.

Obituaries



Mrs. Selma Moore

Mrs. Selma Moore passed away in St. Mary's Hospital, Camrose, in February. She reached the age of 63 years. She was born in Malmo Sweden, March 18, 1886, and came to Tracy, Minnesota. After four years she moved to Minneapolis where she lived for eight years. After this she moved to Canada and lived there until her death. In 1906 she was united in marriage to William James Moore.

She leaves to mourn her loss, four sons, Glenn, Dale, James and Jack; one daughter, Helen; three sisters, Mabel (Mrs. Grahn of Camrose), Hilma (Mrs. Robinson) and Ethel (Mrs. Bray), both of Edmonton, and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband February 1, 1948, and by one daughter, Lillian in 1929.

Funeral service was held in Fridheim Church, February 11 at 2.00 p.m. with Rev. R. O. Olson and C. R. Pearson officiating. There were many lovely floral tributes and numerous memorials.

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Julius Norman Sandager

Julius Norman Sandager died suddenly of heart attack March 15th at Preeceville, Sask., at the age of 66 years.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Preeceville, followed by service in North Prairie Lutheran Church where interment was made beside his wife who predeceased him in 1937. He was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, Martin and Rev. Christian Sandager, and one sister (Hannah) Mrs. George Hanson.

Deceased is also survived by his three children (Mildred) Mrs. M. Ethen of Portland, Oregon. Norris on the home farm, and Elsie, Preeceville, Sask. Also one sister, Mrs. John Thorson of Preeceville and seven grandchildren.

Julius Sandager was born near Belview, Minnesota December 6, 1883. He resided there on the farm until 1911 when he moved to Canada. On October 1 that year he married Lena Braum.

Mr. Sandager was actively interested in the work of the church. At the time of his death he was a member of St. John's Lutheran congregation in Preeceville.

Position Offered by Lutheran Welfare Home

A Christian man and wife to operate and manage our Old People's Home at Wayne, Alberta.

The home is fully modern, Separate house for manager and help. There are about seventeen guests.

Kindly send applications, with salary expected, to the secretary, G. H. Dresen, 227, 4th Avenue N.E., Calgary Alberta, not later than May 20.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

This contribution is sent in by Mrs. George Hendrickson of Tofield and she urges everyone to support this emphasis on Sunday observance. It is thus a call to action.

No, It's Nothing New!

"Just the same old plea for the same old cause — Lord's Day Observance. Is there any use in making a

plea for it? Well, that depends on you, dear reader. What do you think? For those of you who are not acquainted with this issue, may I explain:

"Lord's Day Observance is a department of the W.C.T.U. dedicated to the purpose of striving for a more general respect of the Sabbath. This movement is general throughout Canada and I believe, in the United States also. It is similar to that of the Lord's Day Alliance, which is a larger body with a membership composed of many leading churchmen of the day. That body, organized in 1888, was instrumental in gaining for us the Lord's Day Act of Canada, in 1906 where in is listed all that is illegal on Sunday. The same organization prints and distributes a good deal of free literature. It is a splendid organization and worthy of our support.

"The question naturally arises: Why does the W.C.T.U. duplicate the work of the Lord's Day Alliance? It does not duplicate it, but seeks rather to back it up while placing special emphasis on it within the W.C.T.U. membership. More than that, it seeks to promote a more truly Christian Sabbath observance by all the people in our own province.

"Quoting from "The Last Day" printed by the Lord's Day Alliance: 'When Voltaire (French Atheist) was asked how Christianity could best be destroyed, he said, 'Destroy the Christian Sunday.' France, by law, did try for two years to dispense with Sunday, but the resulting lawlessness was so terrible that they restored Sunday. No wonder Emerson made the statement that Sunday is the core of our civilization.'

"In the present world we do not have Voltaire, but we do have a great many promoters of Sunday sports, movies, and other forms of entertainment which keep people away from worship, or make them lose interest in the House of God. And that influence is yearly becoming greater. Will we live to see the time when we have wide open Sunday in Canada? God forbid. If that happens, Voltaire and his like won't be far from right.

"Your secretary alone can do very little about this matter. She can send you a reminder through your Union, but she can neither scare nor force you into doing anything about it. She can, and does pray sincerely about this question and asks the Lord to show what more can be done.

"In all public issues there are always three classes of people: 1, those who are in favor; 2, those who openly oppose; 3, and lastly, but definitely worst, those who are indifferent. The third class are those who kill a good movement by the simple method of doing nothing.

"In which class are you?"

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George Hendrickson,
Tofield, Alberta.

Secretary Lord's Day Observance,
Alberta.

The Bible is God's street light over the traffic of the world. — Pastor Gerhard Frost.

CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE

invites

Application from lady teacher with positive Christian testimony, to serve as Dean of Girls, and teach Freach III and other subjects.
Address: Pastor K. C. Grundahl,
Box 693,
Camrose, Alta.

W.M.F. COOK BOOK

Are you looking for a birthday or "shower" gift? Why not give a W.M.F. Cook Book? There are still some to be had, and we urge you all to order your supply NOW. Price is one dollar. Send your order to Miss Clara Haugen, 212 Wiggins Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask.

FIRST SUFFERING THEN GLORY!

I Peter 2:21-25

Second Sunday After Easter

God yearns for the salvation of all men! In His heart He has but one supreme concern for all of us, "That all men might be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth." (I Timothy 2:4); or as Jesus says: "I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am ye may be also." (John 14:3). How clearly this is shown even by Job, who says: "But He (God) is in one mind, and who can turn Him? and what His soul desireth, even that He doeth, for He performeth that thing that is appointed for me." (Job 23:13).

To perform that which He appointed or determined in His own heart to do for all men, God sent forth Christ, 'born of a woman, born unto the Law, to redeem them that are under the Law! (Gal. 4:4-5). That Christ of whom Peter (having been an eye witness of all that which transpired in the life of his Master) writes and says: "Christ suffered for us." Oh my friend, have we really come to fully see what this means . . . what this truth conveys? Christ, who knew no sin, "God made sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (II Cor. 5:21). He, who so patiently, humbly, submissively "committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously, and bare our sins in His own body on the tree," suffering intensely that "we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes we were healed." Each of us, as sheep, going desperately astray, now through the sacrifice, suffering and death of Christ can return unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls! The way is now open, the veil of separation has been rent in twain, and now with boldness we can enter into the Holiest (the presence of a Holy and righteous God) by the Blood of Jesus . . . a new and living way which He has consecrated for us." Has this Truth really gripped my heart? Christ's suffering stands as something by itself . . . unapproachable, incapable of repetition, and needeth not to be repeated by any man as long as the world stands, and the exceeding riches of God's Grace continues! His suffering is perfect, and He (the Captain of our Salvation) was made perfect through suffering). (Heb. 2:10) His suffering led to a finished, completed salvation for us, and a Glory which He attained and which we shall share in at His appearing! Yes, "God saw of the travail of His soul and was satisfied." Thus (together with Peter in our text), viewing the suffering of Him who has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, not with silver or gold, but with Holy, precious Blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death," I confess: "Oh God I can do nothing like that; yes, I need do nothing like it for Jesus has done it once and for all, and all that I can do is to fall prostrate before Thy Son, who suffered and died for me, and let the power, blessings and grace which He has won for me by His sufferings and hardships, suffered by me will I ever gain favor with God, and finally obtain eternal rest and Glory! But through the various and manifold temptations and trials of life God seeks to make His child more capable — more capable, and capable of more — of the inheritance for which the only necessary thing is the suffering and death of Christ, and the only fitness is faith in His name!

It is this phase of the sufferings of Christ which Peter seeks to inspire us to follow! It is to Christians who have, in faith, appropriated the finished, atoning work of Christ, that Peter says: "for even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps . . . who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteous-

ness." Paul puts it this way: "And if children, then heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together." and then adds "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom. 8:17-18). It is upon the basis of Christ's atoning work, and the hope of eternity which He won for us by His suffering even unto death, that Peter exhorts the 'pilgrims and strangers' to live out the life of Christ that is in them in spite of 'dungeon, fire and sword.' How it must have spurred them on to hear these words: "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing has happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when His glory shall be revealed, ye also may be glad with exceeding joy." (I Peter 4:12-13). In, and over, our lives, God sits as a "refiner and purifier of silver," pouring into it the proper ingredients, so as to purify unto Himself a people for His own possession; zealous of good works," and through all things increasing my capacities for this present life, and enlarging my capacity for the joy and glory that shall be revealed at His appearing!

—R. O. O.

THE DRAMATIC STORY OF THE STRANDED "VICTORY" REFUGEES

By S. F. M. Friedrichsen
Lutheran Immigrant Chaplain
Montreal, Quebec

(We reprint this fine article as it brings a vital message to all of us. It should give us a thankful spirit for our blessings and cause us to share our abundance with others.)

With the Estonians one makes fast friends. Amongst the goodly number who have befriended me is Mr. Paul Murro. He and his good wife have gone through many sorrows. In the prime years of their life, four times they lost all their earthly possessions. Paul Murro was more than once in danger of losing his life. At one time for two weeks he was hiding in the Estonian woods pursued by the Bolsheviks, suffering great pains of hunger and slackening his thirst with the muddy water in the wagon ruts of the forest road. He and his wife were among the refugees who sailed on the unfortunate "Victory" from Sweden to Cork, Ireland. They were amongst the lucky of the stranded passengers who reached Canada during winter. They are now employed in Montreal. Paul Murro has given me all information for the story I am now relating.

Not so many years ago the English built a five hundred ton landing craft. It was to be used for the invasion of Japan which did not come about. The boat which bears the name of "Victory" was later on sold to Norway. The Norwegians made a deal with a group of Estonian, Finish and Polish political refugees in Sweden who after several fearful years were anxious to leave that hospitable country for Canada, far away from Bolshevism. About 300 of these refugees are of the Lutheran Faith. In Sweden they did not feel secure. They feared that any day they might be delivered into the hands of the Russians. They still remember that terrible day after the German capitulation when Sweden under pressure from Russia agreed to the extradition of a hundred Balts, of which many by pushing pencils through their eyes into their brains or by slashing their pulse artery and stabbing themselves with pocket knives, committed suicide. Today the Baltic refugees in Sweden are still convinced that in the event of a Russian ultimatum regarding their extradition the Swedish government will rather yield to its big neighbor's demand than go to war. Hence their anxiety, unrest and fear and their fervent desire to leave for Canada or the United States.

The "Victory" is a good little boat with two sturdy diesel engines. But it is a coastal craft with its slightly rounded and almost flat bottom and its one compartment freight-hold. It was meant to carry about fifty marines but not 386 passengers from Gothenburg, Sweden, over the wild ocean to Canada. The Swedish government allowed the passage of 150, but the above mentioned number of refugees had all paid their share and signed up and were all on board, amongst them 100 children and 100 women, yes, 386 in all.

In order to prevent the boat secretly to slip out during the night the harbor authorities had seen to it that its bow was turned up channel and a police officer was on guard day and night. But on the 25th of September of last year at 2.45 a.m. the diesel engines were suddenly started, the pier cables cut, the boat as fast as possible turned seaward, and with all lights out the "Victory" slipped out from Gothenburg, headed for Canada. The guarding police officer ran to the nearest telephone and gave the alarm and a Swedish coast guard cutter was soon in pursuit of the "Victory." At 3.15 a.m., just half an hour after leaving, the "Victory" struck a rock, smashing part of its bow and sitting hard on the rock with its stem. One drinking water tank was damaged and all its contents lost. The refugees at first were panic stricken, the children cried, some of the adults were ready to jump into the sea, men ran frantically about to examine the worst damage. Down in the hold, they ripped some floor boards loose to examine the hull. They found some of the drinking water but no indications of a leak so all refugees were ordered to the stern and their weight together with the pulling of the diesels set the boat once again free. Meanwhile the coast guard cutter had caught up. Over the megaphone in Swedish and in German the refugees were ordered at once to return to Gothenburg, but the "Victory" sped on. The coast guard cutter then fired a few cannon shots into the air in order by this frightening measure to force the refugee boat back. But it did not heed the calls nor warning shots. With all lights out and under its top speed of 15 knots it made for the open sea.

The "Victory" crossed the Kattegat and Skagerack and came into the North Sea, sailing through a heaven sent calm and on a mirror like smooth sea, but its difficulties were by far not over. The man in command was not experienced with open sea navigation. There was a sextant on board but nobody was experienced enough to operate it. They were in possession of excellent maps, but the compass was not true and showed a few degrees off. Every so often, especially during the night, the boat made a dead stop, not knowing its own position. The the refugees would become restless and come up from below and would gather in groups to take counsel. Using their flashlights as blinkers and working the morse code they obtained true position and course by boats which passed by. An old seaman by the name of Mittus was very helpful navigating the boat by his knowledge of practical astronomy. One time to their horror the leading men of the "Victory" discovered that they had sailed through a mine field which was clearly marked on the map. But thanks to the flat bottomed construction of the craft nothing happened. Another time they had sailed clear of the coastal sea marks of Holland running great danger of being stranded or smashed up on a rock. But here again the Hand of the Almighty was with them. With great difficulties they finally got into the English Channel.

With so many people crowded on a small craft there were not even small comforts. Below in the large one-compartment hold the bunks were in three rows on top of each other, their in-between space not

allowing an upright position of the occupant. There was no ventilation and the air was hot, humid and stifling. The heat of human bodies was so intense that anybody being below only for 10 minutes would perspire profusely like in a Turkish bath. For the 386 people there were no wash-rooms and only three toilets. At meal-time everybody had to line up at the galley to get his meager fare of hard biscuits and tea with perhaps a thin slice of sausage or a watery soup. There was not enough provision on board to satisfy the hunger of the people. When lining up at the galley care had to be taken that as many people would be on the port as on the starboard side; otherwise there would be great danger of capsizing. Those who had received their meager portion would stand about, sit on a stairway or prop their soupbowl against some object on deck and thus consume their frugal meal. There was no singing and jesting going on. But the crying of the children and four babies and the weeping of the women were the "Victory's" daily bitter portion.

Nobody dared to speak of disaster and yet anxiety and fear was written in every face. In the event of trouble how many could be saved? They all knew the answer. They had but three life belts and five life boats on board, perhaps enough to rescue one-third of them. But they were all men and women with great courage and amongst them were many who prayed and took faith in God.

Getting out of the English Channel they were overtaken by a storm and seasickness came upon them. They were now near the coast of Ireland and landed at Cobh on the 30th of September at 9 a.m. after five days of anxiety, hunger and many dangers. The next day they left Cobh for Cork where they hoped to get the necessary repairs for their boat. They arrived at Cork the same day. The Irish people, and especially the Irish Red Cross provided them generously with shelter and care. But their boat was declared not seaworthy and finally all refugees were housed in a military camp near Cork.

So they were stranded at Cork, most of them penniless but all still longing to go to Canada. The Canadian Government sent a commission to Cork and most of the refugees by and by received visas for entry into the Dominion. Those who had money came by air or sea to Canada but about 125 were left all through the winter in possession of a visa but of no means to buy a steamship ticket.

Finally Lutheran World Federation came to the rescue of those of the Lutheran Faith, the Irish government and the Irish Red Cross assisting the others. The Canadian Government, through its Department of Labor, consented graciously to provide interim housing and jobs for the newcomers and Canadian Lutheran World Relief declared its willingness to extend loans for the inland rail fare. Thus after a Good Friday Holy Communion service, conducted by the Rev. David L. Ostergren of Harrow, Middlesex, England, the refugees with tearful eyes and thankful hearts bid farewell to Ireland and sailed from Cobh on the 8th of April on board the "Samaria" for Canada.

After a fair voyage the "Samaria" docked at Wolfe's Cove, Quebec, on Monday night the 17th of April. The refugees disembarked the next morning. They were welcomed by the writer of this article, the immigrant chaplain of Lutheran World Federation. All in all in that group there were 101 Estonian Lutherans, amongst them 35 children; some of these were young infants. I travelled with them to the coach yards of the C.N.R., Montreal, where we arrived at 2 a.m. on April 19th. About seven hours later the weary but happy group reached their first Canadian destination, the Hostel of the Department of Labor at Ajax,

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN "OUR FELLOWSHIP"

"— And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ." I John 1:3 (b).

It is the aim of the Luther League, as organized on the Local, Circuit, District, and International level to maintain this fellowship between the Leaguer and his Creator — Saviour. The four fold program of Devotion, Education, Service, and Recreation is set up for that purpose. This well rounded program enters every phase of the Leaguer's life in a practical way.

The Devotional side of the program enables the Leaguer to grow and "live in Christ." The emphasis is on the Word of God. A resolution passed by the board of the Young People's Luther League states: "We stress the fact that all League programs should be primarily and undamentally spiritual, based on God's Word and aimed towards a personal living faith for each Leaguer."

In our program of Education, "Learn of Christ," God's Word of course is primary. The "Word Alone" is our text-book.

"Work for Christ" is the title of the third phase of the four fold program. It is a program of service or spiritual self-expression. Leaguers want action — an opportunity to serve their Lord. Most of the possibilities of service are on the local level. Just pause a moment and consider the possibilities of such service. We can serve Christ with our means through the different projects, local, district, and international.

In John 1:7 we read, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." The fourth part of our Luther League program is to promote this fellowship, one with another. During the important recreational phase of our lives we are to "fellowship through Christ."

The Luther League program is well balanced, with Christ our leader at all times. We "live," "learn," "work," and "fellowship" through Christ. No wonder the Luther League work goes steadily onward, increasing its scope of service!

—Norman Foster.

The District executive is glad to announce that Dr. Warren Quanbeck of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, will be our Bible Study leader during the convention at Prince Albert. As was announced in the last issue of the Luther League Page, we will also have our own Luther League Evangelist, Pastor E. Nelson, and Missionary Olga Gutormson with us at that time.

— N. Foster.

'A HEARTY WELCOME TO P.A.'

The Prince Albert Circuit extends a hearty welcome to all Leaguers who are planning to attend the Canada District Convention which will be held here July 27th to 30th. We want each reader to make this invitation a very personal one and would urge each one to make early preparations. Miss Isabel Kaldor, 419, 11th Street, East, Prince Albert, who is one of the Housing Committee, will be glad to assist those who are interested in making room reservations well in advance.

We all have a part to play in this convention even though we are not all able to attend. Your prayers are requested by the committee members who are already making plans and don't forget to remember our guest speaker, Rev. Ernest Nelson of Rugby, North Dakota, that he may be used as a powerful instrument in God's hand in bringing lost souls to

their Saviour. May the theme, "Behold Christ Crucified," become a living reality to all who attend.

—Alice Gjesdal,
Publicity Committee.

PEACE RIVER CIRCUIT CONVENTION

The Circuit Luther League executive met at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Haave, March 24th to discuss plans for the spring convention. Hot from the wires is the news that Valhalla Centre Luther League has invited the convention for June 2-4. Evangelist Arnald Maakestad will be our guest speaker. Local Leaguers will participate as well. Each League is expected to provide two musical selections and remember to send your five delegates.

There will be an oratorical contest at this convention and each League should send one girl and one boy contestant. Winning orator will be privileged to go to the District convention at Prince Albert in July. Contestants must be 18 and under. Orations should be between five and ten minutes in length. Choice of subject may be decided by the Leaguer. Further information will be given the League presidents.

Remember this convention in your prayers.

—J. Velve, Circuit President.
(Peace River Circuit Leaguers' Echo)

EXCERPTS FROM TRINITY LEAGUE, Grande Prairie

We are happy to report that our League has been active throughout the winter months. A new executive has been elected as follows: President, E. L. Broughton; vice-president, S. Skarberg; recording secretary, M. Lindholdt; corresponding secretary, I. Wold; treasurer, N. Dalen.

The "every member" plan is being used and our April program was taken by M. Lindholdt's group, at which Mrs. Strack gave a very interesting talk on Lent. Our next program will be taken by the vice-president's group and we are looking forward to a visit from the Sexsmith League who will take care of the musical part of our program.

One of the most enjoyable evenings we had this season was the night we were invited to Sexsmith to a skating party. After a couple hours of vigorous skating (by both young and old) everyone gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Olson where we sang a few hymns. Mrs. Haave led in devotion and lunch was served. Thank you, Sexsmith. We look forward to entertaining you in like manner next winter.

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. May we who know Christ as our Saviour do as John the Baptist by pointing to Jesus, who can cleanse from all sin. As Luther Leaguers we have a great responsibility to show others the way. We need to pray much for our Luther Leagues, our Circuit and District conventions that many may "Behold Christ Crucified."

—J. Velve.
(Peace River Circuit Leaguer's Echo)

TIME FOR FUN

The "hills" re-echoed to laughter and screams the night of March 6th, as a large number of our District young people gathered for a night of fun and fellowship on a toboggan slide near Wilhemena Church. Even a few of our older folks couldn't resist the thrill which comes as you plunge over the edge of a steep hill.

Plans were to have a weiner roast but although we didn't roast the weiners outside, we had the bonfire to keep the spectators warm. We all

gathered in the church kitchen for a sing song and lunch after our exercise on the hill.

The evening closed with a short devotional program. I believe all who were there could say it was an evening well spent, in spite of a few bumps and bruises.

The evening of fun was sponsored by all the Luther Leagues of the district which included Fridhem and Wilhemena of the Augustana Synod and Scandia, St. Joseph, and Bethlehem of the Armena parish.

Wee look forward to more meetings like this and hope it may be a suggestion to other Leagues in our Circuit. Let's hear how your's turned out.

—Richard Thronson,
(Camrose Circuit Leaguers' Echo)

IBBESTAD LUTHER LEAGUE

On March 20, 1950, the Ibbestad Luther League met at the home of John Orsten for election of officers.

Harold Otteson was elected president; Sigurd Orsten, vice-president; Invar Ellifson, secretary-treasurer; and Harold Orsten, Jr., corresponding secretary.

Pastor Jacobson closed the meeting with prayer.

—Harold Orsten, Corresponding Secretary.

A SONG FOR YOUTH

While your heart is young and tender,
While your dreams are filled with splendor,
While your lips speak truth with candor,
Let the Blessed Christ come in.

Let Him save and use and take you,
From your self-assurance shake you
That His Spirit may awake you
To the awfulness of sin.

Then, with self renounced and dying,
Shoulders back and colors flying,
Let your every nerve be vying
Precious souls for Him to win.

Serve Him, live for Him, and love Him,
Set no other one above Him,
And a worthy Lord you'll prove Him
When you let Him reign within.

(Ester M. Peterson)

"REPETITIO MATER STUDIORUM EST"

The above Latin proverb is not so very mysterious. It simply means: "Repetition is the mother of learning." This is always so true in choir work, and especially in the learning of the numbers for our coming Choral Union concert to be held in Prince Albert July 30th. To repeat, here are the names of the numbers for that concert:

"Golden Harps are Sounding," Paderewski, No. 180.

"Good Tidings to Zion," Christiansen, No. 96.

"Seek Ye the Lord," Roberts, No. 1050.

"O Life in God," Christiansen, No. 69.

"Lullaby on Christmas Eve," Christiansen, No. 116.

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is," Shelley, No. 3125.

"Jesus Priceless Treasure," Concordia, No. 165.

"Praise to the Lord," Concordia, No. 5.

"Lost in the Night," Christiansen, No. 119.

The sheet music is available from the Bible Institute Book Store, Outlook, Sask.

We urge our district singers to practise and practise these numbers. It is only by repeated practise that we learn them! There is no short cut! If

you have not already done so we encourage you to secure the music and begin practising. Even if there is no choir in your congregation you can begin learning your part at home. If the important "part practising" is done at home the rehearsal time at P.A. can be spent in blending the parts together.

Because the Choral Union has been asked to arrange for special musical numbers for the convention sessions we would like to know of choirs and other singing groups which plan to attend the convention. If your duet, trio, quartette, or choir will be present kindly inform Pastor T. Jacobson, Milo, Alta.

Remembering that the convention theme is "Behold Christ Crucified" let us prepare to "Sing unto the Lord . . . to the rock of our salvation." (Psalm 95:1).

—T. J.

GRACE ALONE

(Fifteenth in a series on Grace Alone by Dr. J. R. Lavik, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.)

GRACE IN SANCTIFICATION

There are those who, while they realize that the doctrine of grace alone applies to conversion, justification and regeneration, are not a little confused in regard to sanctification. They freely admit that we can be saved only by the grace of God, but incline the view that being born again we ourselves bear the essential responsibility of a continued walk in the newness of life.

We cannot take time to enter extensively into this phase of our theme, and shall therefore have to restrict ourselves to two or three very brief observations.

A basic principle, which indicates the relation of grace to sanctification, is that Christ is given to us, not only for our redemption, but also for our sanctification, according to I Cor. 1:30. Apart for Christ, and specifically His atonement for sin, there can be no sanctification, that is, no continued walk in holiness of life. It is the atonement that makes possible the continued indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the one who, not withstanding his spiritual renewal, yet sins much every day. The sanctifying Spirit dwells only in the heart of the one who continues to dwell beneath the cross of Christ, where grace and only grace prevails.

Moreover, every Christian should know, both from Scripture and from personal experience, that he does not have within himself either the wisdom or the power to sanctify himself. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, not in a coercive way of course, but consistently with the God-given laws of human personality in which freedom and responsibility are central factors. The promise, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." (Acts 1:8) is significant, not only for the specific work of bearing witness to Christ, but on the whole for the Christian's life in renunciation of the sinful things of the world and in fellowship with God. The Christian is to "walk by the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16). "If ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rom. 8:14-15).

"VICTORY" REFUGEES

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Ont., near Toronto. A thanksgiving service will be held after a day or so, conducted by one of their own pastors.

Lutheran World Federation is happy to have been of service to these stranded people. We express our sincere gratitude to the Department of Labor of Canada, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, and to Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Winnipeg, Man., for all their assistance and courtesies rendered in the successful solving of this refugee problem.